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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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RE:

RRG/Clayton Chemical Site and its Impact on Sauget Area 2 Groundwater Site

1 Mobile Avenue, Sauget, Illinois

General Notice of Potential Liability Letter

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Wendy Carney, Chief

Remedial Response Branch 1

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### Office of Enforcement and Compliance 4880, ance

## INFORMATION SHEET

## **U.S. EPA Small Business Resources**

f you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offer a variety of compliance assistance and tools to assist you in complying with federal and State environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations improve compliance and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

#### **EPA Websites**

EPA has several Internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. Many public libraries provide access to the Internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Small Business Home Page (http://www.epa.gov/sbo) is a good place to start because it links with many other related websites. Other useful websites include:

EPA's Home Page http://www.epa.gov

Small Business Assistance Programs http://www.epa.gov/ttn/sbap

Compliance Assistance Home Page http://www.epa.gov/oeca/oc

Office of Site Remediation Enforcement http://www.epa.gov/oeca/osre

# Hotlines, Helplines and Clearinghouses

EPA sponsors approximately 89 free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance on environmental requirements.

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline can provide a list of all the hot lines and assist in determining the hotline best meeting your needs. Key hotline include:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (800) 368-5888

Hazardous Waste/Underground Tanks/ Superfund (800) 424-9346

National Response Center (to report oil and hazardous substance spills) (800) 424-8802

Toxics Substances and Asbestos Information (202) 554-1404

Safe Drinking Water (800) 426-4791

Stratospheric Ozone and Refrigerants Information (800) 296-1996

Clean Air Technical Center (919) 541-0800 Wetlands Hotline

(800) 832-7828

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#### **Compliance Assistance Centers**

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established national Compliance Assistance Centers that provide Internet and "faxback" assistance services for several industries with many small businesses. The following Compliance Assistance Centers can be accessed by calling the phone numbers below and at their respective websites:

Metal Finishina

(1-800-AT-NMFRC or www.nmfrc.org)

Printing

(1-888-USPNEAC or www.pneac.org)

Automotive Service and Repair

(1-888-GRN-LINK or www.ccar-greenlink.org)

Agriculture

(1-888-663-2155 or www.epa.gov/oeca/ag)

**Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing** 

(1-734-995-4911 or www.pwbrc.org)

The Chemical Industry

(1-800-672-6048 or www.chemalliance.org)

The Transportation Industry

(1-888-459-0656 or www.transource.org)

The Paints and Coatings Center

(1-800-286-6372 . r www.paintcenter.org)

#### State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information. For assistance in reaching state agencies, call EPA's Small Business Ombudsman at (800)-368-5888 or visit the Small Business Environmental Homepage at http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/state.html.

#### Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations, businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses: The Audit Policy (http://www.epa.gov/oeca/auditpol.html) and the Small Business Policy (http://www.epa.gov/oeca/

smbusi.html). These do not apply if an enforcement action has already been initiated.

#### Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an ombudaman ("SBREFA Ombudaman") and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. The SBREFA Ombudaman will annually rate each agency's responsiveness to small businesses. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your Standard Industrial Code (SIC) designation, number of employees or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

#### Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards, you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests, administrative or civil complaints. other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) or related provisions.

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